RAINES LAW "HOTELS."

WHAT ADAPTABILITY HAS DONE FOR NEW-YORK SALOONKEEPERS.

GUEST CHAMBERS THAT EXPECT NO GUESTS, BU PERMIT THEIR OWNERS TO SELL DRINKS

ALL NIGHT AND SUNDAYS. When the knight of old found that his visor interfered with his ability to kiss the trim barmaid when she brought him his deep mug of ale, he carefully laid the helmet aside and remarked senten-"The man who has not the power of adaptaloses many of the good things of this world." This illusion to bygone ages is made only to prove that the art of adaptability is by no means a new one. While the ancients practised the art in a crude and imperfect form, the citizen of to-day has brought it to the highest grade yet attained. This article deals with the new, palatial and strictly up-to-date caravansaries known as the Raines hotels. Since the much-talked-of Raines law went into effect the of this class of hostleries has been marvelous. While it is of the mushroom classification yet, there seems to be a fair promise that these hotels

When the Raines law was first enrolled upon the statute books after Governor Morton had performed his usual act of signing all bills that came to him from the Legislature-all arrangements having been carefully made beforehand as to what bills should and what bills should not reach the executive chamber-there was a concerted wail from the men who were affected by the new law. The law, from a careul review, seemed to be built upon lines that would be most beneficial to the hotel proprietor. The prons of the law are pretty well known now, and there is no need to enter into a discussion of its provisions. It closed the grog shop and the salcon on Sunday, and also provided for a rigid closing of all places where liquer was dispensel upon a saloon license from 1 a. m. to 5 a. m. and incidentally raised the price of a license and embodied some features about the collection and disbursement of the excise tax that were highly objectionable. It was also found that hotels were left practically free from sy entanglements, and the man who conducted a hotel was left free to sell liquors at all hours of the day and night and seven days in the week, with the single restraining clause that within the prohibited some food must be served with the drink,

was the condition that confronted the grog seller after the passage of the Raines bill. A universal cry went up against the bill, but the farseeing ones studied the situation and soon a ray of light fell athwart the gloom. The grog-seller remarked musingly: "Why can I not have a hotel?" He consulted his friends, and at once machinery was put into motion to ascertain the exact conditions. It was found that in order to have a hotel and secure hotel license to sell liquor, it was requisite to have a house with ten guest-chambers. Further research failed to bring forth any restrictions concerning the size, equipment, care or location of the rooms. A way to dodge the issue was seen, and here was where the power of adaptability was manifested. The erstwhile saloonkeeper decided to adapt himself to conditions and become a hotel proprietor. He set to work adjust matters and demonstrated that his powers of adaptability were of the highest order. Word was passed down the line that it was "dead easy" to get around the law, and at once these new hotels began to spring up.

A COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION.

It is curious to visit some of these new hotels and the transformation made in order to get hotel license. For a week previous to the time that the restaurant keeper and the saloonkeeper, rhose Sunday traffic had been cut off by the realized that all that was necessary to get around the issue was to get a hotel ilcense, chaos reigned in their circles. During that period of evolution while the liquor-seller was developing his powers of adaptability and slowly transforming himself from a grogeller into a hotel proprietor, there was the loudest kind of wall against the bill. One of the greatest attractions of the town now, and before the passage Raines law, which underwent a partial eclipse while the proprietors of the various places were re heir shattered ideas, is the all-night res-These restaurants are situated all along Broadway in what is known as the Tenderloin district. From 11 p. m. to 4. a. m. is the gayest period within these places. They are patronized by actors, ectresses, newspaper men, and that peculiar class of moneyed world-wanderers who prefer to sleep in the day and spend their social hours under the in-candescent lamps. As a rule, this class of people are well dressed, vivacious, sociable and inclined to be thoroughly democratic. They fulfil to the highes' degree the old adage that "birds of a feather fleck together." There is something intangible about them which impresses one with a feeling of omradeship, but the most tangible part of their nightly gatherings is the popping of corks and the deep glasses over the midnight mea Without the bottles and the glasses the intangible

feeling of comradeship is lost.

With the advent of the Raines law this peculiar class of night owls threatened to be eliminated. The restaurant-keeper could not keep up his custom of selling drinks, and without drinks—well, life wasn't worth the living, and they hied themselves off to find some place where drinks were to be had. The dull gloom of these restaurants after 1 o'clock a. dull gloom of these restaurants after 1 o'clock a. m. and the deserted room bore mute evidence of the keeper's woe. The eclipse, however, was only temporary, and to-day the all-night restaurant flour-ishes as well as ever, and in the window hangs this encouraging sign of better times:

************** RESTAURANT

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To one who has the curiosity to investigate the notel accommodations of this place a setback is in store, unless the one who is in search of informa-tion has some technical knowledge of the way things are done under this system of adaptability. A register, mouldy and unused, is kept in the restaurant. The entrance to the sleeping rooms is up a misty and treacherous staircase, leading to rooms that were never used in the past for anything but lofts for storing waste material. Ushered into one of these sleeping-rooms, one must first become accustomed to the gloom, should it be day, and if it is night the only light comes from a flickand if it is night the only light comes from a flick-ering gas jet. The next impression is one of sur-prise at the meagre quarters. To one thoroughly subdued by the omnipresent "Beware of Pickpock-ets" sign, these rooms appear particularly danger-ous. A close scrutiny reveals the fact that what now comprises half a dozen sleeping-rooms was at one time a single proportions. The partitions be-tween the rooms are so flims and so insecure that every sound could be heard through them, and if any one were to plot in whispers a bank robbery in one of the rooms, the occupants of a room three romoves would probably be entirely aware of the fact.

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Moreover, if the occupant of one room were to give a good, old-fashioned yawning stretch in the morning, he would probably thrust his fists through the partitions on either side and jab the occupants of the adjoining rooms in the eyes. The cost—it would be an insult to one's intelligence to refer to them as beds—are carelessly made, and the clothes are seldom, if ever, changed. In fact, the rooms are not made to sleep in, but to pass for an affidavit in swearing that ten rooms are comprised in the hotel, which is necessary to gain the requisite hotel license.

GUESTS NOT EXPECTED. That is about the order of things so far as th

all-night restaurant is concerned. While one could be accommodated with one of these cubby-hole rooms, if one so wished, yet the guest would be looked at curiously, and he would doubtless never return to the hotel. The ludicrous side of the question, however, is revealed in the new hotel that, the phoenix-like, sprang from the lowest kind of a grogshop. There are a number of these hotels around Chatham Square, up the East Side and in Hariem. In these places, under the old conditions, there was nothing to the plant but a bar, a celiarful of bad rum and a few white-aproned bartenders. The evolution had made only a slight enange. As in the Broadway restaurant, an encouraging sign of restaurant and hotel hangs in the window; but it is the shabbiest kind of a pretext. There is no register, no cierk, no call boy, no chambermaid, and, in fact, not the slightest sign of a hotel service. Up the dim and musty stairs, somewhere in the dark loft above the foul-smelling barrooma, are ten rooms which the proprietor has sworn are fit for occupancy and which are to be used as guest chambers. No one ever climbs the stair to explore the murky atmosphere, but the rooms are there and the hotel license is secure.

The oddest feature of this class of hotels is the way liquor is sold on Sunday. The Raines law prohibits the keeper of a hotel from selling liquor on Sunday, or within other forbidden hours, in the same room where he has the bar. In the restaurants referred to above no bars are maintained, but the drinks are brought up from the cellar. The proprietor of the new hotel which aprang from a grogshop, however, is equal to the emergency and he does not infringe the law. No, he is a good citizen, a taxpayer, and an upholder of the laws. When the hour comes to close the bar he does close it, but in his own unique way. As a rule the bar in these places is situated in the front part of the room. When the hour to close comes, some of the attaches of the place hurry in. A huge curtain is brought out from its resting place. This curtain is them adjusted so that it completely outs of t be accommodated with one of these cubby-hole rooms, if one so wished, yet the guest would b

space divided off from the bar the little coterie of patrons are huddled together around a number of tables. A pile of sandwiches is brought in and the hotel continues business where the saloon left off. Thus the sale of liquor goes on under the provisions of the Raines law and the hotel proprietor remarks reflectively:

sions of the Raines law and the horizontal remarks reflectively:

"I tell yer what, dat Bill Raines is a dead smart guy and he knowed what he was about when he passed dat law. It's de greatest ting in de wotrld fer a felier dat's on de level.

Some of the uptown saloons, in addition to an elaborate system of movable pillars, slot partitions and heavy curtains, which effectually screen the lighted "hotel" from the streat, have a portable "Sunday bar," as it is frankly called.

A FINE DISTINCTION DRAWN. Some funny instances are recorded of the way the law operates. For the first few Sundays that the law was in operation the bona fide hotels uptown did an unusually large business. That was during the eclipse; but after the power of adapta-bility had been demonstrated, the trade fell off again and the old haunts were once more the scene of the usual festivities. On the East Side, in one of these places, where a hotel sign hangs in the window, a patron entered the saloon and ordered a drink. The waiter remarked brusquely:

"Got ter have a sandwich wid yer drink." "Oh! That's all right," remarked the guest. "I

rigid measures against the s

AT THE LONG BRANCH COTTAGES.

ARRIVALS OF THE WEEK-THE OCEAN

The improvements made in the last year on the beach between Elberon and Seabright are many.

Probably the most notable is the attractive new casino at Monmouth Beach, built by the Monmouth Beach Country Club. It is there where all the lead-

Norwood Park Casino opens on Tuesday, which means that the season at that resort has opened. Lawn tennis and golf will also be attractible first place, it is derived from a multitude of tions there. New golf links and tennis courts were sources. A man's actual salary represents usually completed this week.

The new cottages built since last season include those of Richard Deeves, V. Henry Rothschild, Peter tion fees, oberal tips, the money which he receives Banner, Mrs. N. L. Munro, Mrs. Lowbar, Improve-for laying out courses, for personally making and for laying out courses, for personally making and nents have also been made to the Childs cottage by Adolph Lewisohn, who has taken possession for the

The new arrivals this week include the following:
Monmouth Beach—Maurice Sternberger, L. Ranger, Byron cottage; H. B. Van Derhoef, Byron cottage; W. Rockhill Potts, Potts cottage, T. D. How, amount 18 June 2011. tage; W. Rockhill Potts, Potts cottage, T. D. How- amount, and the ell, Doran cottage; H. L. Thornell, Miss M. V. Murray, Murray cottage; G. R. Shelden, C. W. Pembrook, U. H. H. Porter, A. Koning, L. A. Hammerslough, A. Cochran, W. J. Taylor, Dr. Ayres, New-York: G. for

Morgan Brown, Hoyt cottage; W. T. Sollivan, Long Branch-David S. Brown, A. Sichel, Street cottage; J. Baumann, Lanning cottage; J. Rosenberg, Arundel cottage; M. Silvermann, Spencer cottage; G. L. Davidson, Boniface cottage; Nathaniel

this week. Colonel W. L. Brown and his family have arrived at Locustwood for the summer. Mr. and

arrived at Locusiwood for the summer. Mr. and
Mrs. George B. Studwell and family, of Brooklyn,
have arrived at their country home, Broadlawn, for
the summer.
These are some of the recent arrivals at the Berkshire Inn: Louis H. Marks, Edward H. Hachler, Morshire Intehman, H. T. Chamberlain, H. A. Miller,
Charles H. Kerner, Jr., F. A. Bullard, M. D. V. Black,
of New-York; Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Aldridge, Miss
Latimer, Miss C. Latimer, of Brooklyn.

Stockbridge, Mass. June 6 (Special).—Mrs. Stephen D. Field, of New-York, has opened her country place here for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Crowninshield came from New-York this week and Crowninshield came from New-York this week and engaged a cottage for the summer. Mrs. C. N. Rood, of New-York, has opened her cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sedgwick will spend the summer in Stockbridge and will have the Channing cottage.

These are some of the recent arrivals at the Red Lion Inn: Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Chadwick, William Brown, M. C. Miller, Miss May Miler, Edward C. Hoyt, George S. Hoyt, Mrs. William S. Livingston, Mrs. Blakeman, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. and Mrs. James McKee, Mrs. Edward C. Hoyt, Mrs. F. F. Robinson, Mrs. W. W. Capen, Edward W. Candee, Joseph H. Choate, Jr., Dr. M. A. Carmen, Miss Carmen, N. I. Tower, New-York,



A COOL DAY. "Will you kindly tell me what time it is?"
"Just 12. But how does it happen that a well-dressed gentleman like yourself has no watch?"
"Oh, I have one; but it's so cold I didn't want to unbutton my overcost to look at it!"—(Fliegende

PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS.

TIDY INCOMES OF THE IMPORTED EX-PERTS.

SALARIES ARE LIBERAL, BUT INCIDENTAL REVE NUES ARE LARGER-THE COST OF LAY-ING OUT A COURSE.

When golf was introduced into the catalogue of American sports it brought as its inseparable junct a person entirely new to American sporting circles, the golf professional. Naturally, he camfrom Scotland, the home of the game. At first, with the proverbial caution of his race, he was wary about crossing the ocean until he was assured that golf was established on a firm footing, and for the first year or two the number of competent professionals was not nearly sufficient to supply the demand for them. Even now a thorough who understands not only every detail of the game but possesses the much rarer accomplishment of being a good teacher, has no difficulty in securing a place. His duties, when he has been engaged a club, include first the laying out of the links, am hungry. Bring me a bill of fare. I want a that has not already been done, and, secondly, the making improvements and needed repairs. In this work he is technically performing the office of

am nungry. Sting me a bit of late. I was a square meal."

The waiter looked at him with withering scorn and their remarked in a tone that showed his disagust. "What do yet take dis for? Dis is a note! disagust." What do yet take dis for? Dis is a note! disagust. "What do yet take dis for? Dis is a note! disagust." What do yet take dis for? Dis is a note! disagust. "What do yet take dis for? Dis is a note! disagust." What do yet take dis for? Dis is a note! disagust. "What do yet take dis for? Dis is a note! disagust." What do yet take dis for? Dis is a note! disagust and the remarked in a tone that showed his disagust. "What do yet take disagust and the remarked in a tone that showed his disagust." What do yet take disagust and the remarked in a tone that showed his disagust." What do yet take disagust and the remarked in a sicroling of the normal properties of the normal properties. The residual field and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is the proper in the child and most important duty is that of teaching the child and most important duty is the proper in the child and most important duty is the proper in the child and the proper in the branches of work. Almost invariably these make the best teachers, and are easerly sought after by Morray, E. H. Dann, S. Kerpan, Thomas Tuaffe,

Long Branch, N. J. June 6 (Special).—The principal attraction at this resort the coming summer and many of the clubs are rapidly picking up ideas.

At Haddon Hall—Mr and Mrs. G. H. Wool, Mr. Will be coming summer and many of them will doubtless be promoted in cipal attraction at this resort the coming summer will be the ocean drive. This famous boutevard, where thousands of people entoy driving in the season, has been completely restored as far south as Sea View-ave, making a drive of one and one-quarter miles directly on the edge of the ocean.

The improvements made in the last year on the beach between Elberon and Scabnagh, and the skill, moreover, has been gained with the part of the professional ranks. There is a fleggo boy at the Shinnercock fills door claim on London who would be at all certain of beating him in a match. His skill, moreover, has been gained with the professional ranks. There is a fleggo boy at the Shinnercock fills door claim on London.

Beach Country Club. It is there where all the leading entertainments will take place.

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In general, who are contributing to that income

CARDINAL SATOLLI IN PROVIDENCE.

AN ENTERTAINMENT IN HIS HONOR-THE TAX RATE RAISED

Providence, June 6 (Special).-One of the principal incidents of the week has been the informal visit of Cardinal Satolli. He was entertained by Bishop Harkins and Joseph Banigan. At Mr. Banigan's house on the East Side on Wednesday evening, a dinner and reception were given. Among the people present outside of those connected with the Catholic Church were Governor Charles Warren Lippitt, Chief Justice Charles Matteson, City Treasurer D. L. D. Granger, president of the Churchmen's Club, and Dr. E. B. Andrews, president of Brown Univer-

It is more than probable that the Masonic Temple, recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt on the same site. If such a decision is finally reached, a strip of land to the south of the old site, about twenty-five feet wide, will be purchased.

James M. Southwick has been appointed curator of the Roger Williams Park Museum. Mr. Southwick has long been known as an expert in taxi-dermy, conchology and similar sciences. The ap-pointment of Mr. Southwick as the first curator of the new museum will result in large donations of natural history, mineral and shell specimens from citizens of Providence and other places. The Republican State League held its annual con-

The Republican State League held its annual convention in Pawtucket this week, and, from the large stiendance and the interest shown, it is evident that this organization will be a greater factor in the forthcoming campaign than it has been for some years. The clubs composing the League have been practically dormant for several years, but they all promise to reorganize and come to the assistance of the party with great energy and helpfulness.

At the town elections held throughout the State this week the Republicans were generally successful. In North Smithfield the Democrats won, as usual in that town, and in South Kingstown, by a coalition with the Prohibitionists, they also won; but in the latter case the victory was entirely on local issues, there being little politics in it.

After considerable backing and filling, the City

Council, by the easting vote of Mayor McGuinness, has decided to raise the tax rate from \$1.60 per \$1.60 to \$1.65. The only alternative seemed to be the cutting down of the school year from ten months to n'ne menths, and no one desired that to be done. The Providence, Fall River and Newport Steamboat Company, which cont.ols all the excursion business by water, has purchased two new propellers to the great demands upon it, espetally upon Sundays.

TRAVELLERS TO ATLANTIC CITY.

ALREADY THEY ARE NUMEROUS, AND A BIG SUMMER BUSINESS IS EXPECTED.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 6 (Special).-Already the tide of travel is running strongly in this direction, and there is every reason to believe that the midsummer rush will be something phenomenal, even for Atlantic City, where immense throngs are the rule, rather than the exception.

The bathing season cannot be said to have fully pened as yet, but the warm weather of the week brought it near, and a few people have been seen in the surf nearly every day this week.

Now that such a considerable stretch of the new steel esplanade is completed, and each day adds still more, the visitors have the opportunity of enjoying all the advantages that such a magnificent prome nade provides. Up to the present date over one-half of the work is completed, a fact that makes it easily possible to finish the entire structure within ive preparations are being made for the celebration of the completion of the new walk on the Fourth A feature of the celebration will be a night parade Prizes will be given to the club making the best showing, the one having the most members in line, the wheelman having the prettlest decorated bicycle, and the rider wearing the most grotesque

The second season of the Empire Music Hall was opened last Monday evening with an audience that completely filled the cosey and beautiful structure. Dr. Edward Bedloc, ex-Consul to Amoy, China, with Paymaster Michell McDonnell, of Washington, are among the lare arrivals at the Hotel Brighton, Major E. A. Hancock, U. S. A., is also a visitor at that hotel. William A. Stone, member of Congress from Pennsylvania, is with his family hazy. The chief reason for this state of things is the one of the Hotel Athemarie's cottages. Cardinal that most of the Scotch professionals are comparated Gibbons, of Baltimore, arrived in this city Tuesday J. J. Fedigan, pastor of St. Nicholas's Church. The following New-York guests are registered at

At the Albemark-M. S. Stryke, W. C. Colligan, At the Berkeley-Mr. and Mrs. C. Cohen, J. W.

At the Chalfonte-W. G. Van Name, Mr. and Mrs. professionals. This is the history of most of the men here to-day. There are, of course, exceptions ritt, Miss F. Merritt, Mrs. S. Brady, Miss W. T.

> At the Hotel Dennis-Alfred S. Malcomson, B. G. Mr. and Mrs. Bretwell, Mrs. S. Spear, R. D. Shilling, R. P. Danahue, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McCorkle, Miss C. McCorkle, Mr. and

and Mrs. W. I. Wossi, Mrs. G. Manley, Mrs. P. J. Mrs. F. G. Perry, H. G. Ekton, H. I. Sutton, S. D. G. Green, Miss K. Fowler, Miss Crowdis, Mrs. R.

Branch, Mr. and Mrs. I. Hilbren, Mr. and Mrs. M. Comm and E. H. Jacobs.
At the Irvington Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pettle, Miss.
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e, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Provost and A. E. Kuchule's Hotel-J. W. Iye, A. J. Leck, N.

n, H. N. Tursman, M. Huchman, C. L. J. Levie, S. Frank, J. Mickel, R. Marmee, undler, W. H. Kohn, T. J. McGinley, J. W. C. E. Weed, K. J. Lerob and T. B. Strat-

M. Sampson, nd. Mr. and b. I. Altman, f. A. J. Mc-

berg Armolde Cottage & Market Cottage & Cottag at the Wharton Villa; Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hinden, Mrs. L. F. Post and her sister, Miss Ma-honey; Mrs. George L. Rives, Wyatt Eaton, the New-York artist, at Renfrew Park, where he has taken a cottage; Mrs S. T. Zabriskie, Colonel C. L. Best, United States Army, formerly in command at Fort Adams, and his family, Lieutenant C. H. Harlan, United States Navy, and his family, at the Blatchford cottage; Neison G Green, at the C C. Baldwin cottage; James Hazard Wilson and his family; Mrs. Fry, widow of General James B. Fry, at the P. H. Case cottage; Lieutenant Commander Richardson Clover, United States Navy, and Mrs. Clover, at the Cushman villa; the family of David H. King, jr., Mrs. H. T. Dickey, Mrs. H. A. John-son, R. G. Hone, Hamilton B. Tompkins, Mrs. C. C. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Coats and Miss C. Ogden Jones, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vanderbilt, week, h.

son, R. G. Hone, Hamilton B. Tompkins, Mrs. C. C. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Coats and Miss C. Ogden Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vanderbilt were here about a week ago, coming from New-York on the yacht Conqueror. Their cottage, Rough Point, is being put in readiness for occupation.

Among the New-Yorkers who have been in town for half stays are Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and the Misses Vanderbilt, Atherton Blight, S. F. Huntington, Louis L. Lorillard, Ir., Winthrop Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Drexel, Bishop Henry C. Potter, Lispenard Stewart, W. Storrs Weils, Herman Oeirfens, Dr. S. S. Burt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore, Henry Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Bryce, Peleg B. Spooner, James V. Parker, Professor and Mrs. Felix Adler, Mrs. Fanny Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clews and O. L. Typher.

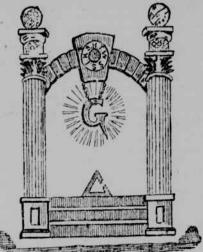
Mrs. J. B. Pinard, a constant visitor to Newport for many years past, arrived early at Clover Nook, Annandale Road, for the season, Mrs. Pinard is eighty-five years of age, and is accompanied by her son, John A. Pinard, and her grandson, Cazcan Pinard.

H. McKay Twombly, the new owner of the Louis L. Lorillard estate, Vinland, has been proposed as a stackholder of the Newport Casino.

Miss Laura J. Post has rented the largest cottage on Kay-at, for the season.

W. A. Duer, who has taken one of the Pinard cottages for the season, has been here for a few days, with Mrs. and Miss Duer.

C. C. Baldwin has leased Mrs. A. M. King's cottage, on Ayrault and Francis sts., for the season, Mrs. J. B. Trevor has leased Pinard cottage, No, & for the season.



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THE GRAND LODGE.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE REPRESEN-TATIVES OF THE FRATERNITY.

The 115th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New-York was opened in due and ample form last Tuesday afternoon. When the Grand Marshal, R. W. James S. Manning, presented Grand Master John Stewart and the Grand Lodge officers at the ultar over 1,000 Master Masons, representatives of their respective lodges, arose to greet the chief of the craft. It was a very impressive sight to see the great gathering of the frater-nity. When the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened, prayer was offered by R. W. Brother Henry . Potter, Bishop of New-York, after which the Grand Master read his annual address, which was a sound business document and reciting in concise and distinct language the doings of the craft during

and distinct language the doings of the craft during the year. He said in part:

Brethren: We are assembled to-day in the libth annual communication of the Grand Lodge under most anapicious chromstances. During the year we have progressed with the spirit of the age. So efficiently have the officers of the Grand Lodge served the craft, and so conscientiously have the masters, officers and brethren performed their duties, that I am constrained at the very threshold of our annual gathering to extend my most sincere congratuations, coupled with hearty spreetings to you the representatives of more than 19,00 loyal and steadfast craftsmen.

Happily, no controversy divides our people, and no spirit of contention seems to exist. Indeed, the quiet and harmony which prevail throughout the jurisdication appear to leave little requiring our attention, save the transaction of rold the business. Our annual communication, however, serves another purpose. It enables us for the time being to lay aside all distinctive titles, speak to each other face to face, as brother to brother, and exchange friendly greetings as we assume our places in the council chamber of the craft.

Some are here for the first time, mingling with those worn and tried by long service. Some come from the busy centres of commercial life, others from the oenseless hum of fudustry, and others from the peaceful shade of mountain-side and lake and stream, where rature presents her ichest products of utility and beauty.

In this arsembiage we have the ardor of intelligent young manhood, and the wisdom and experience of mature age. Here, with grateful acknowledgments to an All-Wise Provitence unless whose beneficent guidance our fraternay has been led where peace and pienty alpound, we commence our deliberations.

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1: W. Edward B. Harper, president of the trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, died in
the city of New-York on the second day of July.

the city of New-York on the second day of July 1865.
Brother Harter was known to you all as a zealous craftsman, foremost in every good work and the less in the interest of the fraternity. As a man, he was incapable of doing of saying a mean thing one who knew him hest truthfully bears testiment to his goodness of heart in these words. "No needy brother ever appealed to Brother Harper for relief in vain. He could not bear to see suffering go unabled, and in consequence many men not bound to him by fraternal followship, profited by his bounty. We mourn him as a loving brother."

It was my meiancholy privilege to perform the rites of the fraternity at the grave of Brother Harper in Mount Hops Cemetery.

And of R. W. Samuel C. Seaman, Past D. D. G. M., who died at Hempstead on July 25, 1865.

M., who died at Hempstead on July 26, 1895;

committed to alls care.

M. W. John Hodge, Past Grand Master, died at Lockport on August 7, 1896. The death of Brother Hodge closed a Masonic career of rare honor and usefulness. His Masonic life was a eulogy upon the fraternity, his charity was unselfish, his generosity unstituted, and his purity of character an example for all men.

Truthfulness, fidelity and honor were his ascribed Cannecticut sent greeting through the Truthfulness, indelity and honor were his ascribed Cannecticut sent greeting through to its Masters, and Masters of throughout the State, Grand Master Mason, beloved and respected at home and abroad.

Truthfulness, fidelity and honor were his ascribed characteristics. He was a devoted friend, a loyal Mason, beloved and respected at home and abroad, on the day of his obseques business was entirely suspended in the city of Lockport, and all the citizens of that place, irrespective of sect or creed, joined in doing honor to his memory. M. W. Benjamin Flasier, Past Grand Master, read the burnal service of our fraternity at the grave, assisted by the R. W. William A. Sutherland, Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Chaplain. Very tarely so touching a tribute has been paid to a man as that witnessed at the burial of our immented Past Grand Master. After the brethren assembled around that open grave had deposited therein a spring of acacta, the orpian children of the Home for the Friendless marched past it, each depositing a budguet of flowers as a last tribute to their friend and benefactor.

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R. W. William H. Corwa, tepresentative of the Grand Ledge of Georgia, died at Yonkers on November 2, 1885.

R. W. Herman G. Carter, Past Grand Librarian, died at New York on December 6, 1895.

For ten years this brother conscientiously and faithfully discharged the duties of Grand Librarian. For twenty-one years he was the secretary of his lodge, holding that office at the time of his death. It may be said of him that he was a modest, unassuming man, yet firm and fust in the performance of every duty. Those who knew him best, respected him most. He filled a useful and honorable life, and his brethren fully appreciated his work and worth.

R. W. Henry C. Banks, Past D. D. G. M., died at New-York on March 24, 1896.

R. W. John F. Collins, representative of the Grand Ledge of South Australia, died at New-York, March 29, 1896.

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Our Bro. Collins was a steadfast and true friend, and drew men to him by his cordiality and courtesy. In our Masonic gatherings his presence was always appreciated. Personally, he was of a warm and genial nature, with a faculty of making friends. He was open-handed and generous, ever ready to respond to the cry of distress. Gifted far beyond his fellows—a ready, fluent and eloquent apeaker, loving, tender, gentle and sympathetic—his memory will remain with us as that of the ideal Mason.

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Of the new constitution he said that at the last annual communication the Commission of the Constitution and Statutory Revision presented a proposed new constitution, which was adopted so far as it could be at that time. The commission has labored zealously in this important work, and will present for final adoption, at this annual communication, the result of its labors, including all amendments to date that have met with approval.

Experience has taught us, while laws can be made that will answer for our general government, exigencies will arise, in a jurisdiction so extensive and ever extending as our own, demanding special legislation to meet them. While upon this subject, I would suggest that the Commission on Constitution and Statutory Revision be continued, to revise and simplify the Code of Procedure, so that trial commissioners, in the unpleasant though necessary discharge of their duties, may be able to act understandingly, and both defendant and plaintiff know their exact status under the law, A code is needed under which a brother on trial, if innocent, will be acquitted, but if guilty will be properly disciplined, and where advantage cannot be taken of technicalities to circumvent justice.

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Grand Lecturer and said that the appointment of R. W. John R. Pope as Grand Lecturer appears to have met with general favor throughout the State. In securing for this position one long experienced in our ritual and most courteous in imparting the work, we have been fortunate.

He then made allusion to the excellent condition

of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and was profuse in his praise of the good and earnest work of the faithful trustees. The Grand Master also spoke in the highest terms of the home, at Tappan, sustained by the Twenty-eighth (German) District; he then alluded to the Greater New-York bill, and suggested that measures be adopted to change in some measure the present boundaries of the district, recommending that as most of the districts are too large now, such change would benefit the craft at large and relieve the district deputies of much labor. The Grand Master especially commends the work of the Grand Secretary, and says:

Capable in the execution of the duties of his office, vigilant in guarding every interest of the craft, he is a reliable guide to the Grand Master in dealing with the many intricate questions constantly submitted for adjudication.

He concluded as follows:

I assumed the office of Grand Master with a just estimate of its high importance and its grave responsibilities. My time has been devoted to the craft in an endeavor to advance its interests—with what degree of success you alone must judge. While we have prospered and are prospering, we must not forgot how frail and facting are all our designs, and how important it is to-carefully consider our

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and of Secretary were read. From the latter it is that there were the following number of that there were the following number of the Masons at the last report, December 13, and 906; restored, 1,131, making a total Deduct from this 2,749 who were unaffiliate who died, 1,022 who demitted; 219 were dropped the roll and 27 were expelled, leaving a net Master Masons in good standing December 19,574.

After the reading of the address and room at the Grand Lecturer and Grand Librarian as the reference of these raports to the respective on mittees, the Grand Lodge closed, to reopen at o'clock Wednesday morning. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

When the Grand Lodge reopened there were no rumors floating about that some disatisfied spiral would attempt to create a dissension, that the are candidates in the field for every once in the gift of the Grand Lodge, and that many the gift of the Grand Longe, and that many be be done at this session that have never ben do before, but the committee on rumor reports to recort " for again before, but the committee on rumor reports there was nothing to report," for again, a may times before, the great good sense of the second swept aside all idle talk and the Masonic well as the world at large beheld the inspiring, which are senting \$1,000 Masonic elected each and every senting \$1,000 Masonic elected each and every by acclaimation, without a single discentia via or vote; that this powerful, wealthy and indeem or vote; that this powerful, wealthy and indeem or sufficiently and indeed the senting senting \$1,000 Masonic elected each and every some or vote; that this powerful, wealthy and indeed to report that the powerful, wealthy and indeed and harmony. The ourgoing Trustee of peach and harmony. The ourgoing Trustee was and the important business enters are present and the important business enters are sent and the important business enters are sent and the important business enters and the important business enters are sent and the important business enters and the important business enters are sent and the important business and the important business are sent and the important business are sent and the important business are sent and the important business and the important business are sent and the important business are sent and the important business are sent and the important business and the important business are sent and the important business are sent and the important business are sent and the important business and the important business are sent and the important business are s



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FRATERNAL UNION OF THE ANOINTED The sixth annual banquet of "The Anointed" was held Monday night at the cinhouse of the Cub-man's Club. About two hundred High Priess of man's club. About two hundred High Priests at Past High Priests sat down to a fine dinner this the strains of sweet musto sharpened the species of the diners, for it is a procate fact the "he anointed of the Lord" have huge appetite, which probably accounts for the great and pleasant so-chability which exists in this circle of Mason? When the hunguer was disposed of the prefiel

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When the banquet was disposed of the prefiled and toastmaster, R. E. George W. Anderson called upon the secretary, R. E. David M. Drurt, she read many letters of regret from absentees such at the Grand King, Philip M. Nast; P. G. H. P. Alexander H. Morgan, of Pennsylvanta; from South Carolina, West Virginia, and from nearly all the States. Then the regular toasts were given out, the first being "The Grand Lodge of the State of New-York," which was responded to by M. W. John Stewart, who made a characteristic address. He said in part: "The Grand Lodge of this State, with its 90,000 Masons, its material wealth, its great inits 90,000 Masons, its material wealth, its great in fluence, will gather to-morrow, and while there may be some clouds which make the ship carear when carrying too many sails, these clouds will roll by Wednesday morning, and the sunshine of prosperity will continue to rest upon the good ship called the Grand Lodge of New-York. It is please and to be because the snounced, when ant to be here with the anounted, when ant to be here with the anointed, wash care is thrown under the table, when there are no ambitions to cater to give where the oil of peace and harmony mails. See to it, brethren, that you cantal in this path, and serve the craft even from you had and exaited position." The Grand Chapter of kind and exaited position." The Grand Chapter of kind and exaited position." The Grand Chapter of kind at Arch Masons. Was very ably handed by all Arch Masons was very ably handed by all arch Masons was very ably handed by all arch Masons was present of the Grand Chapter of the Crand High Priest, and mentioning Earsa. The smiled that high office for twenty-three years, held that high office for twenty-three years, make smiled the Grand High Priest, "did not, soon as much as we do now, or take the good dinners." Comp. Silvers praised the good of his immediate predecessors and excard the companions present to persevere in this case and work for the benefit of the Royal craft. She was very ably treated by the priest of the said, in part: "What though we belong to direct sold; and the priest was new house of direct said, in part: "What though we belong to direct sold; and the priest of the same household, from the family, members of the same household, from the family, members of the same household, from the family of the Early was replied to by Canecian and the family of the word, but let the mason will be said to be said of the word, but let the material in every part of the word, but let the material in every part of the word, but let the material in every part of the word, but let the material in every part of the word, but let the material in every part of the word, but let the material in every part of the word, but let the said himself is a very small man and is of little with the soul of the word, but let the material and will not pass. R. E. John Webbards and will not pass. R. E. John Webbards will be side of Masonity was very effectively and the fine of the word, but let the part will reflect upon us as the stream in th there are no ambitions to cater to